

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-41 (canceled)

42. (new) A method for making an article comprising at least one piece of sheet-form melamine foam having a thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity, wherein a melamine foam block is cut by peeling into a strip having a thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity, and wherein the article is made using at least one piece of sheet-form melamine foam derived from this strip.

43. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42 for making an article having two opposing main free faces with a total thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity, wherein at least one layer, known as the reinforcing layer is attached to each piece of melamine foam, so that at least one of the main free faces of said article has a scouring free face formed at least in part by at least one piece of melamine foam.

44. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said melamine foam block is cut by peeling into a strip having a thickness of less than or equal to 1 mm.

45. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said melamine foam block is cut by peeling into a strip having a thickness of approximately 0.8 mm.

46. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein each piece of melamine foam is attached to at least one reinforcing layer so as to obtain a melamine foam layer having a main face which defines a scouring free face of the article and, superimposed on the melamine foam layer, a reinforcing layer of this type having a main face that defines the other free face of the article.

47. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the reinforcing layer is a layer of melamine foam.

48. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the reinforcing layer is made of a material that is different from a melamine foam and is adapted to have tear strength higher than that of the melamine foam.

49. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein an article is produced, of which at least one of the main free faces is an absorbent free face formed at least in part by at least one piece of absorbent material.

50. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein an article having at least one reinforcing layer is produced from an absorbent material.

51. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein an article is produced, which comprises a layer of melamine foam having a main face defining the scouring free face of the article and, superimposed on the melamine foam layer and made of an absorbent material, a reinforcing layer having a main face defining the absorbent free face of the article.

52. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the opposing main free faces are both scouring faces and are formed by two distinct layers of melamine foam between which at least one reinforcing layer is interposed.

53. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein an article having a total thickness of less than 5 mm is produced.

54. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein an article having a total thickness of approximately 0.85 to 2 mm is produced.

55. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein each reinforcing layer is produced from a fibrous material mainly containing fibers selected from: cellulose fibers, natural textile fibers, synthetic textile fibers.

56. (new) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein each reinforcing layer is produced from a material selected from: a cellulose nonwoven, a viscose nonwoven, a perforated cotton nonwoven, a polyamide knit, a cotton gauze, a polyurethane foam, a polyethylene foam.

57. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein at least a portion of the thickness of said article is impregnated with a liquid composition before being packaged.

58. (new) The method as claimed in claim 57, wherein the liquid composition used is selected from: a detergent, a solvent, a bacteriostatic and/or bactericidal disinfectant composition, water or a mixture thereof.

59. (new) The method as claimed in claim 57, wherein the liquid composition used is selected from: a moisturizing solution, a

soap, a deodorant, a perfume, a make-up removing composition, an emollient, an ointment, an antiseptic, water, hydrogen peroxide solution or a mixture thereof.

60. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein a solid composition capable of dissolving in the presence of a liquid so as to be able to release an active agent is incorporated into at least a portion of the thickness of said article.

61. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said article is wrapped in an individual or collective impermeable packaging.

62. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the various layers of said article are laminated in pairs by means of an intermediate heat-activable adhesive film.

63. (new) An article comprising at least one piece of sheet-form melamine foam having a thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity.

64. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63 comprising two opposing main free faces having a total thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity.

65. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein

- at least one of the main free faces is a scouring free face formed at least in part by at least one piece of melamine foam, and
- wherein it comprises at least one layer known as the reinforcing layer associated with each piece of melamine foam remote from the part of the scouring free face formed by this piece.

66. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein at least one of the pieces of melamine foam has a thickness of less than or equal to 1 mm.

67. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein at least one of the pieces of melamine foam has a thickness of approximately 0.8 mm.

68. (new) The article as claimed in claim 64, wherein at least one of the main free faces is an absorbent free face formed at least in part by at least one piece of absorbent material.

69. (new) The article as claimed in claim 65, wherein it comprises a layer of melamine foam having a main face defining a scouring free face of the article and, superimposed on the layer of melamine foam, a reinforcing layer having a main face defining the other free face of the article.

70. (new) The article as claimed in claim 65, wherein the reinforcing layer is made of melamine foam.

71. (new) The article as claimed in claim 65, wherein the reinforcing layer is made of a material which is distinct from a melamine foam and is adapted to have tear strength that is higher than that of melamine foam.

72. (new) The article as claimed in claim 65, wherein the opposing main free faces are both scouring faces and are formed by two distinct layers of melamine foam between which at least one reinforcing layer is interposed.

73. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein it has a total thickness of less than 5 mm.

74. (new) The article as claimed in claim 43, wherein it has a total thickness of approximately 0.85 to 2 mm.

75. (new) The article as claimed in claim 65, wherein each reinforcing layer is produced from a fibrous material mainly containing fibers selected from: cellulose fibers, natural textile fibers, synthetic textile fibers.

76. (new) The article as claimed in claim 65, wherein each reinforcing layer is produced from a material selected from: a cellulose nonwoven, a viscose nonwoven, a perforated cotton nonwoven, a polyamide knit, a cotton gauze, a polyurethane foam, polyethylene foam.

77. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein at least a portion of its thickness is impregnated with a liquid composition before being packaged.

78. (new) The article as claimed in claim 67, wherein the liquid composition is selected from: a detergent, a solvent, a bacteriostatic and/or bactericidal disinfectant composition, water or a mixture thereof.

79. (new) The article as claimed in claim 78, wherein the liquid composition is selected from a moisturizing solution, a soap, a deodorant, a perfume, a make-up removing composition, an emollient, an ointment, an antiseptic, water, hydrogen peroxide solution or a mixture thereof.

80. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein at least a portion of the thickness thereof comprises a solid composition intended to dissolve in the presence of a liquid so as to be able to release an active agent.

81. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein it is wrapped in an individual or collective impermeable packaging.

82. (new) The article as claimed in claim 63, wherein the various layers are laminated in pairs by an intermediate heat-activatable adhesive film.